

76. Means of communication in the Pattanamtitta taluk.

Mr. Kosi Mathai (Member, Pattanamtitta Taluk) stated that the first matter that he had to represent was the necessity for the construction of a bridge at the Kaipattur ferry. He emphasised the importance of the place as the junction of several roads and said that its need was recognised even by the Government as seen from their investigations. What enhanced the importance of the place was its proximity to several estates, and the large volume of the traffic there. The Member prayed that the fact of the ferry being away from the Main Central Road should not be made an excuse for not sanctioning the construction of a bridge here.

The next prayer of the Member was the improvement of the Pattanamtitta Kozhancheri road, 8 miles in length, which was now in a miserable condition. This was the principal road in the taluk and should be metalled and rendered fit for cart and traffic all the year round.

The Member then suggested that the village road from Kaipattur to Konni be improved and made cartable. He said that the late Dewan, Mr. Krishnan Nair, had promised that steps would be taken to improve its condition; but nothing had been done in the matter. The people had improved a small portion of the serious hilly part of it at Vallikkode remained to be attended to. A bridge by the sea necessary at Vazhamuttam, but the people should be satisfied with a temporary one for the time being.

Dewan's reply.—The bridge at Kaipattur will be treated as an urgent work and taken up early.

The metalling of the Pattanamtitta-Kozhancheri road costs over Rs. 50,000. It can, therefore, be done only section by section.

You may show me the village road from Kaipattur to Konni when I next visit the locality. This work must come last. The first two roads will have to be attended to earlier.

77. Facilities for communication in the eastern parts of Chengannur.

Mr. S. Padmanabha Panikkar (Member, Nominated) represented the interests of the Mulakkuzha-Kidangannur road which branched off from the 71st mile of the M. C. road, and which was opened by the people of the locality, should be taken up for maintenance by the Government. He also prayed that certain culverts be constructed on the Pantalam-Aranmula road and that the Tumpalman-Kozhancheri road be brought under departmental maintenance at once.

The Member then invited the attention of the Government to the condition of certain lanes in the old Chengannur taluk, and pointed out that the lane which began from the front gate of Ayattil Puthanvidu and ran along Kottamadam and other places was greatly narrowed by encroachments, and requested the Government to arrange for their removal and the widening of the lane. That was the only means of communication during floods for the inhabitants living in Sabarimala and other eastern parts of the taluk who had to go to the First Class Magistrate's Court, Munsiff's Court, etc., at Chengannur. The Member also prayed that arrangements might be made with the people of Ilavantitta for the improvement of the last mile of the lane which began from Kulunada on the Pantalam-Aranmula road and terminated at Ilavantitta.

Dewan's reply.—The roads that have already been finished will be taken up by the Government for maintenance, and the necessary culverts will be constructed.

78. Certain urgent requirements of the Shertallai taluk in the matters of communications and bunds for the improvement of cultivation.

Mr. P. K. Mathew (Member, Shertallai Taluk) prayed for the following works.

The several roads in the taluk should be linked together and made cartable and 2 bridges should be constructed over the Alleppey-Shertallai one to the west of the Munsiff's court and the other to the west of 1 mile; cutcherry. Early repair to the present bridges over the Palli thodu.